

Highlights from the Mayor



Winter is here and the anticipation for Christmas is starting to build. As you plan out your Christmas shopping, I ask that you consider doing as much shopping locally as possible. I realize that specific items may not be available here in town, but where possible consider buying that special item here. The benefits to shopping locally are threefold. Obviously our local businesses will get a much needed boost, but shopping in Town helps to employ local people who in turn spend their hard earned cash locally. That boosts our economy as a whole and we all win.

The benefits extend even further as shopping locally supports businesses who in turn support local activities, charities, sports activities and non profits who are also struggling in this economy. If you can, I know your efforts to support our local economy will be much appreciated.

As we start to feel the bite of winter intensify, please remember that our local bylaw, (Community Standards Bylaw 1202, Section 13), requires all properties to clear accumulated snow on sidewalks and walks adjacent to the house you own or occupy. Accumulated snow becomes packed and slippery and consequently a slipping danger. Unfortunately cleared sidewalks can also be slippery so please use sand or a de-icer to ensure solid footing when necessary.

Because of the strike action by Canada Post last month, we have extended the penalty date for November water, sewer and garbage bills until December 14, 2018. I have talked to some who have received their bills and others who have not. I understand there is a significant mail backlog which will take some time to sort out. If you don't receive your bills in the next week or so, please phone the town and get the amount so you don't incur a penalty. We will not be extending the penalty deadline past December 14, 2018 whether you receive your bill or not.

Over the coming weeks your council will be busy working through the budget process for 2019 as well as a strategic plan. I look forward to bringing you more details in the coming weeks.

As the snow starts to fall in earnest, please follow any signs indicating when your street will be plowed and move your vehicles accordingly.

On another note, our Traffic Bylaw considers vehicles parked for more than 72 hours on a public street, as abandoned. Last year we had some residents who despite being left warnings, went on holidays leaving their vehicles parked on the street and unfortunately came home to find their vehicles towed. Don't let this be you!

That's all for this time, stay warm and be safe

Maureen Miller, Mayor

FINANCE



2018 TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE DUE DEC. 31, 2018

A 15% penalty will be applied January 1, 2019
for any amounts outstanding

Due to possible delivery delays,

**PENALTIES WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL UTILITY ACCOUNTS
AFTER DEC. 14**

Call Brooke at 780-645-4481 Ext. 2104 if you need a balance.

PUBLIC WORKS



NEW METERS

Public Works staff are currently travelling door to door through town to change existing water meters out for the new automatic meter reading devices.

Staff will have ID badges that will be presented at the door.

Please call the **Town Public Works Shop** at (780) 645-3509 for more information.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DID YOU KNOW...

A development permit may be required if you are opening a new business in the Town of St. Paul. As per Section 1.3: Interpretation, #92 "Development" can include many different situations/scenarios as defined in the Land Use Bylaw. This type of application is called a "Change of Use" or "Change in Intensity". A development permit once issued, is valid to start within one year. Planning & Development encourages discussions with our office well in advance to avoid any delays of opening your business.

Furthermore, in accordance with Bylaw 1254 a business license is required to be issued before opening any new business.

The Land Use Bylaw is available under <https://townstpaul.civicweb.net/Portal> In the 'Search' tab enter 'Land Use Bylaw'.

Please contact Planning & Development at 780-645-4481 if you have any questions.



FCSS/ PARENT LINK



STAY IN THE BLACK THIS CHRISTMAS

We can help!

Make a plan, use cash only,
take care of the essentials,
increase your income, ask for help!

Visit us for FREE tips & tricks to help
you stay on track this holiday season.

780-645-5311 • 5002-51 Ave



December 24 – January 2

Town of St. Paul Holiday Hours

Town of St. Paul Administration (5101-50 Street):

December 24 to 28 - CLOSED
December 31 - MAIN LEVEL ONLY -
OPEN FOR PAYMENTS 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
January 1 - CLOSED
January 2 - REOPENS REGULAR HOURS
8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Public Works Administration (5508-48 Street):

December 24 to January 1 - CLOSED
January 2 - REOPENS REGULAR HOURS
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**Garbage Services will be running
December 24, 27, 28 & 31**

Action Bus:

December 24 to 28 - CLOSED
January 2 - REOPENS REGULAR HOURS
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

FCSS & ParentLink (5002-51 Avenue):

December 24 to January 1 - CLOSED
January 2 - REOPENS REGULAR HOURS
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Municipal Enforcement:

December 24 to 28 - CLOSED
December 31 - REOPENS REGULAR HOURS
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
January 1 - CLOSED
In the event of an emergency, please call
780-645-4522

Clancy & Cap Arena:

December 24 to December 28 - CLOSED
December 29 & 30 - OPEN
December 31 & January 1 - CLOSED

Transfer Station:

December 24 to 27 - CLOSED
December 28 & December 29 - OPEN
REGULAR WINTER HOURS
December 31 & January 1 - CLOSED

Aquatic Centre:

December 24 - OPEN 6:30 AM - 1:00 PM
December 25 - CLOSED
December 26 - OPEN 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
December 27 to December 30 - OPEN
REGULAR HOURS
December 31 - OPEN 6:30 AM - 4:00 PM
January 1 - OPEN 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM